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TO AMEMBASSY LIMA
INFO AMEMBASSY BUENOS AIRES

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SUBJECT: VISIT OF FORMER AMBASSADOR JONES

1. FORMER AMBASSADOR TO PERU, J. WESLEY JONES, NOW RETIRED, WOULD LIKE TO VISIT LIMA JANUARY 10-14 FOLLOWING VISIT WITH SON, PETER F. JONES, OF EMBASSY BUENOS AIRES. AMBASSADOR, HOWEVER, IS CONCERNED ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF ATTEMPTED LEGAL ACTION AGAINST HIM RELATING TO HIS TRANSFER FROM EMBASSY LIMA IN 1969 OF CAPTAIN PAUL R. IOOSE OF IAGS.

2. IOOSE HAD BEEN INVOLVED IN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT WITH A LT. COL. EUGENIO DELGADO VARGAS OF GUARDIA CIVIL. LATTER BROUGHT CHARGES AGAINST IOOSE AND WAS REPRESENTED BY SENSATIONALIST LAWYER GUILLERMO RAMIREZ Y BARRIOS. LAWYER TRIED TO GET AS MUCH OUT OF IOOSE AND U.S. AS POSSIBLE. AT ONE POINT DELGADO APPROACHED AMBASSADOR AND OFFERED TO WITHDRAW CHARGES IF AMBASSADOR WOULD INTERVENE WITH DELGADO'S SUPERIOR AND GET HIM A PROMOTION. COURT CASE AGAINST IOOSE CONTINUED, AND ULTIMATELY IT WAS DECIDED LATTE SHOULD BE TRANSFERRED. AMBASSADOR ALSO LEFT ABOUT THAT TIME

3. IN 1972 COURT JUDGING CASE AGAINST IOOSE ISSUED ORDER
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FOR AMBASSADOR TO RETURN FROM U.S. TO TESTIFY.

AMBASSADOR RECALLS THAT REQUEST FOR EXTRADITION WAS PASSED

THROUGH PERUVIAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON TO STATE DEPARTMENT BUT WAS TURNED DOWN BY DEPARTMENT. (NO PERSON IS EXTRADITABLE IN ORDER SIMPLY TO APPEAR AS WITNESS; EVEN THOUGH RETIRED, AN AMBASSADOR NEED NOT BE REQUIRED TO APPEAR IN COURT AND RETAINS DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY FOR ANY ACTION COMMITTED WHILE IN OFFICIAL STATUS.)

4. DEPARTMENT UNABLE TO LOCATE ANY FILE ON CASE. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO DETERMINE WHETHER ANY COURT ORDER OUTSTANDING AGAINST AMBASSADOR JONES AND IF SO TO INFORM FOREIGN MINISTRY THAT IF IT INVOLVES ACTION PERFORMED BY THE AMBASSADOR IN HIS OFFICIAL STATUS, COURT ORDER AGAINST HIM NEED NOT BE HONORED.

5. PLEASE ADVISE OF ACTION TAKEN, INFO BUENOS AIRES FOR AMBASSADOR JONES. HE WOULD LIKE ASSURANCES THAT IF HE SHOULD COME TO LIMA HIS VISIT WOULD NOT BE DISRUPTED BY ATTEMPTED COURT ACTION AGAINST HIM. KISSINGER

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